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COLORADO

Flow boosted for Arkansas River

<http://gazette.com/flow-boosted-for-arkansas-river/article/1548492>

Half of Colorado's drilling rigs have gone idle in last five months

<http://gazette.com/half-of-colorados-drilling-rigs-have-gone-idle-in-last-five-months/article/1548480>

Study: Beetle-killed trees don't increase fire danger

<http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/nation/2015/03/23/pine-beetle-wildfires/70329816/>

Colorado may give up on changing the look of edible marijuana

<http://gazette.com/colorado-may-give-up-on-changing-the-look-of-edible-marijuana/article/1548501>

USGS scientists investigating precious metals found in sewage sludge

"Federal scientists investigating sewage from wastewater plants are finding tiny particles of gold and other precious metals..."

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_27778454/usgs-scientists-investigating-precious-metals-found-in-sewage-sludge

Denver's Confluence Park getting an ADA makeover

http://www.denverpost.com/news/local/ci_27780057/denvers-confluence-park-getting-an-ada-makeover

Black Hills, critics agree on wind farm proposal

"...a 60-megawatt wind power complex in Huerfano County..."

<http://www.chieftain.com/news/3458689-120/wind-black-hills-power>

City stumped by sinkhole on N. Elizabeth

<http://www.chieftain.com/news/3458918-120/sinkhole-street-elizabeth-chieftain>

Stakes high as oil boom fades

"...the energy-rich Greeley area was leading the nation in job growth..."

<http://www.chieftain.com/news/region/3458859-120/state-colorado-greeley-data-s>

Nebraska panel delays vote on fracking water disposal site

<http://gazette.com/nebraska-panel-delays-vote-on-fracking-water-disposal-site/article/feed/217129>

Farm laborers strike in Mexico

<http://www.chieftain.com/business/3459234-120/baja-farm-farms-mexico>

Will invasive pythons wipe out the Everglades' mammals?

<http://summitcountyvoice.com/2015/03/24/will-invasive-pythons-wipe-out-the-everglades-mammals/>

MONTANA

EPA proposes adding Columbia Falls aluminum smelter site to Superfund list

http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/epa-proposes-adding-columbia-falls-aluminum-smelter-site-to-superfund/article_ca2312ad-7025-5e3a-9060-5439ee4012b4.html

Negotiations scheduled in mine dispute involving Schweitzer

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/negotiations-scheduled-in-mine-dispute-involving-schweitzer/article_f7881cba-39e6-5515-afb5-d05434337387.html

Mining bill sees support from industry and conservation groups

<http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/#ixzz3VPXnsFa5>

North Dakota may sue federal government over fracking rule

<http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/#ixzz3VPXN3ddP>

Study highlights how oil money trickles out of North Dakota

<http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/#ixzz3VPXhAacp>

Rival California gangs have presence in Bakken

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/rival-california-gangs-have-presence-in-bakken/article_892e1377-3fad-585e-8912-adcede105f7b8.html

N.D. town undergoing big changes as oil's sprawl drives development, growth

<http://billingsgazette.com/special-section/bakken/#ixzz3VPYvm0Bi>

Ankney proposes fees for companies that close coal plants

<http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/#ixzz3VPXUuFYP>

Timber industry: Tester should tell truth about lands (letter)

http://missoulian.com/news/opinion/mailbag/timber-industry-tester-should-tell-truth-about-lands/article_99aled7f-ca24-5cde-8d86-2222aca30f11.html

Time for US to act like the energy superpower it is (letter)

http://missoulian.com/news/opinion/mailbag/time-for-us-to-act-like-the-energy-superpower-it/article_58941d86-2ded-5062-a9b1-b0cab4ff7e94.html

Report ranks Yellowstone 21st healthiest county in Montana

<http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/#ixzz3VPW1bs71>

AP NewsBreak: EU continues to overfish despite commitments

http://billingsgazette.com/news/world/europe/ap-newsbreak-eu-continues-to-overfish-despite-commitments/article_44d8c7d8-ec17-57eb-8c2d-4e95fa8b688b.html#ixzz3VPWXu67D

Feds to investigating safety of Lumber Liquidators flooring

http://billingsgazette.com/business/feds-to-investigating-safety-of-lumber-liquidators-flooring/article_f75ae191-f10f-5c3b-94b9-51cdc75e4585.html#ixzz3VPWm0lSh

NORTH DAKOTA

State may challenge federal fracking rules

“...new rules concerning fracking that were issued last week by the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management.”

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/state-may-challenge-federal-fracking-rules/article_4df66d45-1f02-529b-b235-53dc08055424.html

Flaring penalties OK'd, panel to be flexible

“Changes to a natural gas flaring order enacted last year were approved Tuesday by the three-member North Dakota Industrial Commission.”

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/flaring-penalties-ok-d-panel-to-be-flexible/article_46f4e314-bffb-5c5a-9b6d-672ee2807848.html

Tap water safe for most, more testing in Crosby

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/tap-water-safe-for-most-more-testing-in-crosby/article_9c2aa1bb-b501-55b3-95de-d2e9586d890c.html

SOUTH DAKOTA

Wind power test towers get second chance

<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2015/03/24/wind-power-test-towers-get-second-chance/70411440/>

Pierre's ex-sewer super indicted by grand jury, charged with falsifying wastewater treatment reports

“...alleging he lied for more than a year in official reports about how well the city’s wastewater was treated before it was dumped into the Missouri River.”

http://www.capjournal.com/news/pierre-s-ex-sewer-super-indicted-by-grand-jury-charged/article_b58b0726-d274-11e4-9ad5-0357b27661a7.html

Lake Oahe Atlantic salmon program delayed

http://www.capjournal.com/news/lake-oahe-atlantic-salmon-program-delayed/article_8ff7280a-d1de-11e4-bc4b-43d1c5a03f68.html

Company gets 2nd chance for wind testing in Lincoln County

“....a possible multimillion-dollar wind farm....”

<http://www.ksfy.com/news/headlines/Company-gets-2nd-chance-for-wind-testing-in-Lincoln-County-297513661.html>

Feds begin 2nd round of land buyback program on Rosebud

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/feds-begin-nd-round-of-land-buyback-program-on-rosebud/article_38b218d5-e1a1-53c0-9dc2-62646b850496.html

Report says beetles don't make forests more likely to burn

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/national/report-says-beetles-don-t-make-forests-more-likely-to/article_43427d88-b02a-503d-b782-4ada0149ca66.html

UTAH

Feds probing concrete mess in Jordan Narrows

<http://www.sltrib.com/news/2323599-155/feds-probing-concrete-mess-in-jordan>

Obama Administration Emissions Rules Face Supreme Court Test

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/itsallpolitics/2015/03/25/395106455/obama-administration-emissions-rules-face-supreme-court-test>

WYOMING

Oil price fall forces North Dakota to consider a dose of financial austerity

http://trib.com/business/energy/oil-price-fall-forces-north-dakota-to-consider-a-dose/article_1dc7ded7-bbf7-50b5-af3c-f90ead2533e2.html

Barrasso holds drug hearing on Wind River Indian Reservation

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/barrasso-holds-drug-hearing-on-wind-river-indian-reservation/article_607e9a9c-d6c4-5dac-8e63-758cf1b0c2fd.html

Federal Aviation Administration gives airspace expansion over northern Plains final approval

“...an enormous bomber training area over the Northern Plains...”

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/federal-aviation-administration-gives-airspace-expansion-over-northern-plains-final/article_08c98048-08c1-5e23-bc0f-49ba85c1d56f.html

Risk of lower-elevation wildfires increases amid warm, dry weather across much of Wyoming

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/risk-of-lower-elevation-wildfires-increases-amid-warm-dry-weather/article_032f7b10-4224-5c38-bdec-6ac5d9abaf15.html

Fire danger high across eastern Colorado and parts of Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/fire-danger-high-across-eastern-colorado-and-parts-of-wyoming/article_07af381c-3588-5078-8114-ef73c94ed8be.html

[Utah] Governor signs law making Utah only state to use firing squads if lethal drugs are unavailable

http://trib.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/governor-signs-law-making-utah-only-state-to-use-firing/article_955a05ab-76d5-5b0e-9376-95e13ba9de11.html

INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY

Nicaragua's Grand Canal: No Indigenous Consent, and Probable Environmental Catastrophe

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/03/25/nicaraguas-grand-canal-no-indigenous-consent-and-probable-environmental-catastrophe>

Pit River Rallies to Protect Sacred Medicine Lake Highlands from Fracking

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/03/24/pit-river-rallies-protect-sacred-medicine-lake-highlands-fracking-159718>

NAHASDA Passes House; All Eyes on Senate Now

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/03/24/nahasda-passes-house-all-eyes-senate-now-159731>

NEW YORK TIMES

Obama Mercury Air Pollution Rule Faces Test at U.S. Top Court

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/03/24/us/24reuters-usa-court-pollution.html>

Justices to Hear Arguments Over EPA Mercury Limits

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/25/us/politics/ap-us-supreme-court-epa-emissions.html>

Automakers Race to Double the Driving Range of Affordable Electric Cars

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/03/24/technology/24reuters-autos-batteries.html>

UN Warns World Could Have 40 Percent Water Shortfall by 2030

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/20/world/asia/ap-world-water-crisis.html>

Air Pollution Raises Stroke Risk

“...all types of pollution except ozone were associated with increased risk for stroke...”

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/03/24/air-pollution-raises-stroke-risk/>

W.H.O. Report Links Ingredient in Roundup to Cancer

“...vigorously disputed by the herbicide’s maker, Monsanto.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/21/business/who-report-links-ingredient-in-roundup-to-cancer.html>

Opinion: Stop Making Us Guinea Pigs

“...the active ingredient in the widely used herbicide Roundup, probably causes cancer in humans.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/25/opinion/stop-making-us-guinea-pigs.html>

Feds Worry About Contamination in Bottles of Sea-aged Wine

“...contaminants from gasoline and oil to pesticides and heavy metals can sometimes be found in ocean water.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/23/us/ap-us-ocean-wine-agging.html>

Some California Winemakers Accused of Letting Arsenic Into Products

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/03/19/us/19reuters-usa-wine-california.html>

The Health Concerns in Wearable Tech

“...that cellphones were “possibly carcinogenic” and that the devices could be as harmful as certain dry-cleaning chemicals and pesticides.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/19/style/could-wearable-computers-be-as-harmful-as-cigarettes.html>

Jordan, Russia Sign \$10 Billion Deal on Nuclear Power Plant

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/24/world/middleeast/ap-ml-jordan-russia.html>

U.S. Mediators Report Tentative Deal in Honeywell Illinois Dispute

“...only U.S. facility that converts uranium oxide into uranium hexafluoride, which is then enriched to be used as fuel in nuclear power plants.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2015/03/21/us/21reuters-honeywell-intl-workers.html>

Graphic: Arctic Ice Reaches a Low Winter Maximum

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/03/24/science/earth/arctic-ice-low-winter-maximum.html>

Paris sees traffic ban as pollution solution

<http://www.nytimes.com/video/multimedia/100000003588765/paris-sees-traffic-ban-as-pollution-solution.html>

Paris Hit by Air Pollution Spike, Halves Cars on Roads

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2015/03/21/world/europe/ap-eu-france-pollution.html>

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